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Misperceptions that are holding businesses back

Growth moves fast, and misconceptions can move even faster. Many organizations assume SAP Cloud ERP applications are built only for large enterprises, too complex to adopt, or too rigid to support the speed they need.

But the truth is simple: SAP GROW help ensure SAP Cloud ERP delivers exceptional business value for companies of every size, industry, and region.

SAP GROW gives growing businesses a clear path to get started quickly with an AI-powered cloud ERP for finance, supply chain, and HR organizations. The offerings maintain the flexibility to expand capabilities across the SAP solution portfolio as organizations scale and evolve, no matter the industry. SAP GROW Fast services provides transparent pricing and a predefined scope that helps accelerate time to value with minimal risk and disruption.

Let's set the record straight on what SAP really offers and why more than 460,000 organizations worldwide—80% of which are in small and midsize companies—rely on our solutions to help grow their business with confidence.

More than

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trust SAP to grow their business with confidence

Myth 1
SAP Cloud ERP is too expensive.

The fear of runaway projects with unpredictable costs has long been associated with ERP implementations, but it doesn't have to be that way.

With SAP GROW Fast, implementation is no longer an open-ended project. Clear, upfront pricing for partner service packages separates labor risk from software costs, giving you full visibility into your investment from day one. At the same time, SAP Cloud ERP is easily consumable through a variety of packages, so you can start with what you need today and add capabilities as your business grows. These integrated, preconfigured packages are built on fit-to-standard best practices and reduces the need for costly customizations and integrations while helping avoid budget overruns.

Instead of being surprised by hidden fees or unexpected scope changes, you begin with a defined ERP scope based on industry best practices—and go live that's on time, in scope, and within budget. This structured, transparent approach minimizes uncertainty and helps you realize value faster. The result is predictable costs and a faster path to value, enabling you to free up resources for innovation, accelerate growth, and achieve enterprise-level performance without a hefty price tag.

electrip

Electrip

As it scaled EV charging operations across Europe, Electrip Group turned to SAP Cloud ERP to build a scalable, cost-effective foundation without heavy upfront investment. Flexible licensing and cloud-based infrastructure let the company pay only for what it uses, aligning costs with growth while continuous updates and automation drive greater efficiency.

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Lagom

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With just 28 employees, Lagom Professional Services unified finance and staffing on an SAP Cloud ERP solution built to scale with the business. The firm cut month-end close from four days to two, reduced finance effort by 40%, and lowered infrastructure costs by 10%—delivering significant value for even the smallest growing companies.

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Myth 2

SAP Cloud ERP is built only for big, multinational, and global companies.

SAP's modular cloud ERP applications are built for businesses of every size, not just global enterprises. Scalable architecture and flexible pricing make it easier to start small and grow with confidence.

With built-in best practices and industry-ready templates, companies can run like leaders from day one. In fact, approximately 80% of SAP customers are small and midsize businesses—further proof that enterprise strength isn't just for enterprises anymore.[1]

SAP GROW Fast provides an ideal starting point for going live with a defined scope of core SAP Cloud ERP capabilities. As your business grows, you can add capabilities without disrupting operations, avoiding painful implementations and increasing complexity.

1. SAP customer data, 2025.

Myth 3

The deployment of SAP Cloud ERP takes too long and is complicated.

Traditional ERP implementations are often associated with long timelines and complex, resource-heavy projects, but that's no longer the case.

With SAP GROW Fast, you can bypass the typical six- to nine-month timeline. A structured deployment approach—built on preconfigured templates for core cloud ERP—establishes a clear path to go live in weeks, not quarters. This dramatically shortens your ROI cycle and helps you start realizing value faster.

Preconfigured industry best practices, combined with guided setup tools and proven methodologies, simplify every stage of implementation. Built-in automation streamlines configuration, testing, and data migration, while SAP's partner ecosystem helps ensure a smooth, predictable deployment and accelerated time to value.

PureTech Scientific

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Following a carve-out, PureTech Scientific LLC deployed SAP Cloud ERP in just 15 weeks, with no internal IT team. Within two weeks of go-live, the company processed $5 million in orders while meeting tight transition service agreement deadlines and proving SAP solutions enable fast, straightforward deployments with immediate business impact.

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sonnedix

Sonnedix

Sustainable energy producer Sonnedix Power Holdings Limited streamlined its operations across 10 countries by replacing 13 legacy systems with an SAP Cloud ERP solution. With enhanced operational efficiency, faster month-end closing, and access to global insights, the company is now in a powerful position to deliver a continuous, reliable, and efficient supply of renewable energy to customers around the world.

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Myth 4

SAP Cloud ERP is too difficult to understand and adapt.

The modular design of SAP Cloud ERP is focused on simplifying how businesses of all sizes run—especially growing companies—with clarity and control. This gives you the flexibility to tailor your starting point based on your top priorities and biggest challenges and to prepare for future opportunities.

Embedded AI in end-to-end processes makes work more intuitive and natural, while built-in best practices streamline finance, supply chain, and people operations. Automation cuts manual effort and decision friction, while giving you control of your business with real-time insights. Routine updates and cloud delivery keep everything running smoothly, so your teams stay focused on growth rather than maintenance.

Myth 5

SAP Cloud ERP requires heavy customization to integrate with existing platforms.

The flexibility of SAP Cloud ERP eliminates the need for extensive customization. It's built with scalability, extensibility, and integration in mind, so you can connect them to the applications, tools, platforms, and systems that you already use.

SAP GROW Fast provides preconfigured industry best practices that help get started quickly with less effort. Standard APIs and extensions in SAP's foundational technology platform simplify integration while keeping your core features and functionality standardized.

The result is a future-ready system that adapts to your business, not the other way around.

TCC™

Trade Capital Corporation® (TCC™) turned to SAP Cloud ERP when global complexity demanded more agility. Adopting a clean-core, fit-to-standard approach, the company went live in just 67 days—simplifying processes and boosting transparency. Today, TCC scales faster, runs smarter, and proves SAP meets sophisticated needs without heavy customization.

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ASCEND ELEMENTS

Ascend Elements

As Ascend Elements evolved from start-up to sustainability leader, its legacy systems quickly fell behind. Then came SAP Cloud ERP—connecting operations, delivering real-time insight, and simplifying every process. With a scalable foundation now in place, the company is expanding globally and proving SAP solutions grow with ambitious businesses.

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Myth 6

SAP Cloud ERP is not meant for growing companies like mine.

SAP Cloud ERP is built for growing businesses, not just large enterprises. It delivers the flexibility, speed, and scalability that small and midsize companies need to support every stage of growth. These applications are not slimmed-down versions of enterprise systems. Instead, SAP Cloud ERP is designed with the affordability and agility smaller organizations demand along with the reliability trusted by global leaders.

SAP GROW Fast provides a preconfigured implementation approach that helps you go live quickly and efficiently with a prescribed scope of core functionality. You can start with what you need today and expand capabilities as your business evolves. With built-in best practices drawn from decades of industry experience, SAP Cloud ERP helps you scale with confidence. Predictable subscription pricing, simplified updates, and partner-led deployment reduce complexity, so you can grow faster without adding IT burden.

Myth 7

SAP Cloud ERP is not a good fit for our industry.

SAP Cloud ERP applications are built for real industries, not generic use. Each includes preconfigured best practices and data models tailored to specific sectors, ranging from manufacturing and retail to professional services and wholesale distribution.

With more than 25 industry templates and embedded analytics, SAP Cloud ERP adapts to your workflows and delivers insight to help you meet industry regulations, customer expectations, and business requirements. The result is immediate relevance starting on day one.

De Prado

De Prado

De Prado, a family-owned olive oil producer, needed an ERP solution to support their growth plans and solve the lack of data and processes integration. With SAP Cloud ERP, the company has been able to standardize and optimize processes, align them with industry best practices, and adapt them to their specific needs.

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UniBetter 联创杰®

UniBetter

Known in the Chinese market as Shenzhen Lianchuangjie Technology, UniBetter uses SAP Cloud ERP and SAP Business Technology Platform to deliver measurable returns supporting rapid growth. The company cut its procurement cycle time by 40%, reduced inventory carrying costs by 20%, lowered manual effort by 30%, and closed books three times faster.

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Myth 8

There's not enough proof to convince us about the ROI of adopting SAP Cloud ERP.

ROI begins with speed—achieving time to value through successful go-lives that are delivered on time and on budget.

From there, everyday performance proves the value of SAP Cloud ERP. Measurable ROI shows up in faster close cycles, reduced manual work, and improved cash flow visibility enabled by connected, data-driven processes.

Real-time analytics make results transparent and trackable. With automation and best practices built in, companies achieve continuous efficiency gains and sustainable growth. This is clear proof that ROI is an outcome, not a promise.

Myth 9

SAP Cloud ERP is sophisticated, but we don't see enough value in adopting it.

SAP Cloud ERP lets your business run with exactly what it needs now, while giving the freedom to expand when it's ready.

With SAP GROW Fast, you can get started quickly with core capabilities for your finance, supply chain, and HR organizations, then add more as your business evolves. This approach gives you the power of enterprise ERP without complexity, delays, and surprise costs.

Winncom Technologies

Winncom Technologies Corp.

Wireless networking provider, Winncom Technologies Corp. adopted SAP Cloud ERP to replaced its aging ERP and spreadsheet-heavy processes with a unified, cloud-based platform. The company gained real-time visibility into sales performance, improved inventory awareness, and faster, more reliable order processing—capabilities that strengthened forecasting, decision-making, and customer service. With standardized best practices and scalable processes across offices, Winncom was able to support continued global growth and, soon after go-live, achieved record monthly revenue while improving the accuracy of revenue tracking.

Watch the video

AA Industrial Belting

AA Industrial Belting (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. transformed its operations with SAP Cloud ERP and SAP Preferred Success services. Cloud updates and expert guidance reduced maintenance costs by 50% while focusing its internal IT team on innovation. With a simpler administration approach, the company now enjoys enterprise-grade support without needing in-house SAP experts.

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Myth 10

SAP solutions require a lot of in-house expertise to function smoothly.

Cloud delivery from SAP doesn't require a deep bench of SAP experts to stay ahead. SAP manages system updates, security, and maintenance automatically. As a result, your IT team can spend less time on administrative tasks and more time driving business performance and innovation.

As an SAP-certified partner, we bring SAP's backing along with proven tools, templates, and methodologies to help ensure your project's success. We can help fill expertise gaps—from deployment guidance and training to ongoing support—so your solutions continue to evolve with your business, without the burden of managing it all in-house.

Build the skills to get more value from SAP solutions

Access on-demand resources, guided exercises, and expert instruction to help your teams grow with confidence. SAP Learning Hub offers hands-on practice and live sessions, while SAP Learning Class courses—delivered online or on site—provide structured, instructor-led training.

Learn more

The intelligent portfolio built for companies growing with purpose

SAP is a proven partner for growing companies, trusted by thousands worldwide to help them scale efficiently and adapt over time. Nearly 80% of SAP customers are small and midsize businesses simplifying operations, automating critical processes, scaling with confidence, and sustaining growth without adding unnecessary complexity.

With the modularity of SAP Cloud ERP and the speed and predictability of SAP GROW Fast, organizations can start transforming where it matters most and expand as priorities evolve.

Continuous innovation across cloud, data, and AI helps teams work smarter, gain insights faster, and adapt with confidence. Most important, the enterprise-grade security, compliance, and reliability built into SAP Cloud ERP are helping growing businesses turn challenges into opportunities and ambitions into results.

Let’s build what’s next—together

You’ve heard the myths. Now, see the reality.

SAP Cloud ERP applications, paired with SAP GROW Fast, give growing businesses a clear and predictable path to get started quickly with AI-powered cloud ERP and scale as needed. A defined core ERP scope, guided implementation, and built-in best practices accelerate your go-live while laying the foundation for long-term growth.

With a unified core, built-in AI, proven industry practices, and continuous innovation, SAP Cloud ERP helps you move with clarity, speed, and confidence without adding complexity or technical debt.

Instead of stitching solutions together or pausing growth for system changes, SAP Cloud ERP provides an integrated set of intelligent cloud capabilities that adapts as your business evolves. The results are streamlined operations, faster insights, predictable outcomes, and a clear path to value from day one.

Momentum favors companies that are ready for what’s next. With SAP Cloud ERP and SAP GROW Fast, you’re equipped to move forward with agility—supported by a partner trusted by hundreds of thousands of businesses worldwide.

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ABeam Consulting helps businesses drive digital transformation through business consulting, SAP solutions and technology expertise. The company partners with organisations to optimise processes, improve operational efficiency and achieve sustainable business growth.

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